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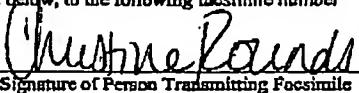
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In the Application of)
Willem Walter Coppoolse) Group Art Unit: 3683
Title: FLEXURE-TYPE SUSPENSION SYSTEM) Examiner: C. P. Schwartz
PROVIDING FOR THREE DEGREES OF)
FREEDOM AND FLEXURE-TYPE)
POSITIONING ASSEMBLY)
BASED THEREON)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 7, 2004, Applicant hereby elects with traverse to pursue Species D covering claims 1-6. It is unclear whether the Examiner requires Applicant to elect one of the enumerated Subspecies since such Subspecies are categorized under non-elected Species C. Should the Examiner require Applicant to elect a Subspecies pursuant to an election of Species D, then Applicant hereby elects with traverse Subspecies 1 also covering claims 1-6. Applicant reserves the right to later pursue the non-elected claims either in this application should a generic claim finally be held to be allowable, or in a divisional

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application.

Applicant submits that the figures do not disclose distinct species. The current set of claims covers the basic concept of all of the different embodiments depicted in the various figures. All embodiments are related and are merely different implementations of the same inventive concept. For example, Figure 7 shows a basic embodiment. In Figures 2A through 2D, a practical implementation of the concept of Figure 7 is illustrated. The number of arms illustrated (three in Figure 7 versus four in Figure 2) is not critical to the basic concept of the invention. Figure 4 is also related to Figure 7 and Figures 2A through 2D, and is mainly provided in order to illustrate the function. All the other figures show embodiments that are closely related.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is unnecessary and therefore should be withdrawn.

No fees or deficiencies in fees are believed to be owed. However, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-0235 in the event any such fees are owed.

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